

OPINION 2094 (Case 3236)***Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 (September) (Arachnida, Solifugae): given precedence over *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 (August)**

Abstract. The Commission has ruled that the name of the sun spider *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 (September) is to be given precedence over that of *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 (August) whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the name *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 (September) is given precedence over the name *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 (August), whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 (gender: feminine), type species by original designation *Zeria bicolor* Pocock, 1897, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over the name *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms;
 - (b) *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *C. ruspolii* Pavesi, 1897, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over the name *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *bicolor* Pocock, 1897, as published in the binomen *Zeria bicolor* (specific name of the type species of *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897);
 - (b) *ruspolii* Pavesi, 1897, as published in the binomen *Canentis ruspolii* (specific name of the type species of *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897).

History of Case 3236

An application to conserve the generic name *Zeriassa* Pocock, 1897 for a group of sun spiders (family SOLPUGIDAE) by giving it precedence over the unused older name *Canentis* Pavesi, 1897 whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms was received from Mark S. Harvey (*Department of Terrestrial Invertebrates, Western Australian Museum, Perth, Western Australia, Australia*) on 28 February 2002. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 60: 26–27 (March 2003). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 2004 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 60: 27. At the close of the voting period on 1 December

2004 the votes were as follows: 20 Commissioners voted FOR the proposals, 4 Commissioners voted AGAINST, Ng was on leave of absence.

Voting against, Bouchet commented that priority should apply 'because so few authors have studied this group of animals' (application, para. 4), it cannot entail 'considerable confusion' to apply the letter of the Code.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

bicolor, Zeria, Pocock, 1897, *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*, (6)20: 392.

Canentis Pavesi, 1897, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, 38: 158.

ruspolii, *Canentis*, Pavesi, 1897, *Annali del Museo Civico di Storia Naturale di Genova*, 38: 159.

Zeriassa Pocock, 1897, *Through unknown African countries*, p. 252.